GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:55
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REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE OF COUNSELLING/ DE- ADDICTION CENTRES
Chaure Shri Bapu Hari

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the cases of drug addiction are on the rise;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) The procedure adopted for reviewing the performance of Counseling/De-addiction Centres;

(d) Whether any research and development facility is available to solve the problems of alcoholic people;

(e) If so, the details thereof; and

(f) The reasons for setting up of Counseling Centres instead of De-addiction Centres alongwith the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MEIRA KUMAR)

(a) to (f) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

The Statement referred to in reply to Part (a) to (f) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.55 for answer on 03.03.2005 regarding "Review of Performance of Counselling/ De-addiction Centres" raised by Shri Bapu Hari Chaure.

(a) & (b) There is no authenticated report to indicate the increase/ decrease of addiction cases, as no timeline data for benchmarking is available.

(c) The performance of the Counselling/ De-addiction centers assisted by the Ministry is evaluated through half-yearly progress reports submitted by the organizations and annual inspections carried out by the State Governments/ Ministry's Officers/ Designated agencies.

(d) & (e) No alcohol-specific research study, has been conducted. However, the Ministry has sponsored a number of studies on the problems of drug abuse including alcoholism. The Ministry in collaboration with United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC) has conducted a National Survey on the extent, pattern and trends of drug abuse in India. In addition, the Ministry has institutionalized the Drug Abuse Monitoring System (DAMS) to monitor the trends of drugs abuse in the country.

(f) The Counselling Centres were primarily set up to cater the needs of outpatients and were having wide coverage for counseling & awareness purposes only. Now, the De-addiction Centres are providing the holistic intervention, which includes treatment, counseling, awareness as well as rehabilitation of substance abusers.